

WOMAN AT THE WELL (PART 2)

John 4:27-35

About this woman: Knew who she was...Outcast... Sinner...Seeker...Changed...

Soul-winner

About soul-winning

1. God's perfect timing.
2. Importance of taking first step in witnessing.
3. Tactfulness
4. Word pictures in witnessing.
5. Use of law
6. Emphasis on relationship with God and His Word rather than ritual and place.
7. Proper timing in conversation
8. God is no respecter of persons.

John 4:27 *And upon this:* At this very moment; At this time; Just then

Came His disciples: Illustration of God's timing.

Jesus brought discussion to climax in natural and unforced manner.

and marvelled... Surprised, astonished, amazed

Wasn't He a rabbi?

yet no man said, ...? What are you requesting of this woman?

Answer: Requesting water.

Why talkest thou with her? *Why having conversation?*

Answer: Explain how have living water

Ironside, Again and again we find certain ones surprised because of the depth of His interest in poor, sin-stained men and women. He loved to be with sinners; He loved to manifest His grace and compassion to them. But He never associated with sinners in order to go on with them in their ways; He sought them out in order to win them from their ways and to reveal to them the God of all grace.

John 4:28 Some say so excited, forgot waterpot and ran to city.

Left waterpot on purpose.

Wanted Jesus to know that she understands --Worship God in spirit and in truth, not in appearance and place.

And went her way into the city: Came to Jesus a poor, tainted, immoral, bigoted woman.

Left, having drunk of living water ...pure, forgiven, saved evangelist.

Jesus not afraid of tainting himself

Lesson for disciples. Look at things from perspective of outsiders.
Jesus constantly trying to make them insiders.

John 4:28 The men knew her reputation.

Many of men immorally involved with her.

Men--leaders of community.

John 4:29 Impressed that someone saw through her. John 1:46-49

John 4:30 *Went out:* Immediately

Came unto Him: Flow of people, in procession.

Power of changed life.

John 4:31 Genuine concern for Jesus that physical needs met.

John 4:32 Relating to disciples with parable of Living meat (spiritual meat).

Even though surrendered lives to Him, knew nothing about spiritual meat.

John 4:33 Notice how the disciples responded.

They not immediately understand point Jesus making.

John 4:34 Not on earth to see material and physical needs met.

Here to do will of God.

Takes them from Natural realm to Spiritual.

... and to finish his work. Jesus anticipating cross. Jn.19:30 Mat 20:28

His point?

Men, why here? Motive? Purpose... goal in life?

Their desire – be political leaders Job 23:12

John 4:35 Dec-Jan.

From time of planting crops to harvest approx. 4 months

Lift up your eyes: Take blindfolds off.

Look on the fields: Points to people...*These are your fields, men.*

White already to harvest: Ripe grain turns yellow or light whitish color.

If not harvested--begins to fall to ground and rot.

Several implications:

Missions

Soul winning

Service

SO WHAT?

How do you respond to Samaritan-type people?

How Jesus respond?

How disciples respond?

How are you participating in the plenteous harvest?